

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 11 and 12 have been allowed, claim 10 has been objected to but it was noted that it defines patentable subject matter, and claims 7-9 stand rejected in view of Durr et al. The examiner has stated that to overcome the rejection of claims 7-9 Applicant cannot rely upon the early priority dates of its Japanese applications from which the instant application claims priority because translations of the Japanese applications are not of record. To obviate the pending rejection of claims 7-9, Applicant hereby submits in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.55(a)(4) translations of both Japanese priority applications from which the instant application claims priority, as well as signed Declarations from the translator stating that each translation was of a certified copy of the subject applications and is believed to be accurate. Accordingly, Applicant can rely on the priority dates of the noted Japanese applications and Durr et al is not prior art to the pending application.

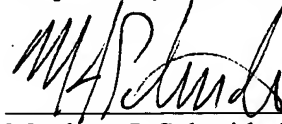
### **CONCLUSION**

Each of claims 1-12 is believed to define patentable subject matter over all of the cited prior art references. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of each of these claims is respectfully requested.

If, after considering this Response, the Examiner believes any of the claims are not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney, Matthew J. Schmidt, whose telephone number is (248) 689-3500, so immediate consideration can be given to any further amendment suggested by the Examiner or needed to place all of the claims in a condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that there are no fees due at this time. However, any fee deemed necessary for this response may be charged to deposit account no. 50-0852

Respectfully submitted,

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